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1. THE 06 MAR EDITION OF "EXCELSIOR" CARRIES A LETTER FROM THE REGIONAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE CHILEAN SOCIALIST PARTY TO THE DIRECTOR OF "EXCELSIOR" IN WHICH THE PARTY CLAIMS THAT THE TRUE NAME OF JUAN WILLIAMS ROSE, ONE OF THE TWO PERSONS WHOM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WANTS TO QUESTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF ORLANDO LETELIER, IS ACTUALLY MICHAEL VERNON TOWNLEY WELCH, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, 35 YEARS OLD, ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN, THE SON OF A SENIOR EXECUTIVE OF THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY, AND WHO HAS LIVED IN CHILE SINCE 1957.

2. THE PARTY SAYS THE IDENTIFICATION OF WELCH WAS MADE THROUGH THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF ROSE AND ALEJANDRO ROMERAL, WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN THE 4 MARCH EDITION OF "EXCELSIOR".

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